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SUBJECT: LITHUANIA IMPLEMENTED FATF GUIDELINES AND WILL SHARE INFORMATION ON REQUESTS FROM IRANIAN ENTITIES WITH USG

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(C) On November 6 we met with Romualdas Boreika, Director General, and Igoris Krzeckovskis, Advisor in the International Relations Division, of the Lithuanian Financial Crime Investigation Service (FNTT) to discuss reftels. (Note: We met with FNTT, which falls under the purview of the Ministry of the Interior, because it is this agency and not the Ministry of Finance that implements all GOL actions regarding money laundering and terrorism finance.) They informed us that FNTT had distributed ref C and D information regarding Iranian entities and FATF guidelines to Lithuanian banks on November 5, with a request that banks pay special attention to and inform the FNTT of any transactions involving Iranian entities. If a Lithuanian bank receives a request to perform a transaction for an Iranian entity, Boreika and Krzeckovskis promise to inform post and the Lithuanian State Security Department (VSD).

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